# MSOpenTech Redis 2.8.12 Release Notes

Welcome to the binary release of Redis from Microsoft Open Technologies, Inc.

## What is Redis?

Redis is an open source, high performance, key-value store. Values may contain strings, hashes, lists, sets and sorted sets. Redis has been developed primarily for UNIX-like operating systems.

## Porting Goals

Our goal is to provide a version of Redis that runs on Windows with a performance essentially equal to the performance of Redis on an equivalent UNIX machine.

## What is new with the 2.8.12 release

Our last official release was 2.8.9. We have merged in the changes up to 2.8.12. Please see the [release notes for the UNIX 2.8 branch](http://download.redis.io/redis-stable/00-RELEASENOTES) to understand how this impacts Redis functionality.

## How to develop for Redis

You will need a client library for accessing Redis. There are a wide variety of client libraries available as listed at <http://redis.io/clients>.